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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN SIGNS NEW TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN (DRA) HAS BEEN INSISTING SINCE ITS INCEPTION THAT THE QUALITY OF ITS RELATIONS WITH "FRIENDLY" COUNTRIES WOULD DEPEND UPON THE AMOUNT OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO OFFER THIS DEVELOPING COUNTRY. IF THIS ACTUALLY IS GOING TO BE THE CASE, THE SOVIETHCMZON GOT OFF TO A ROUSING HEAD START ON MAY 15, SIGNING FOUR AGREEMENTS INVOLVING 20 MILLION RUBLES OF CREDITS AND THE PROVISION OF 28 TECHNICAL ADVISORS. THE DSME DAY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF COAL MINING EQUIPMENT.

A. NAGHLU-JALALABXJ TRANSMISSION LINE. CONSTRUCTION OF A
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95 KM TRANSMISSION LINE WITH A CAPACITY OF 110 KWA AND A JALALABAD SUBSTATION WITH A CAPACITY OF 30,000 KVA. COST -- TO BE PAID OUT OF SOVIET CREDITS -- WILL BE 2,975,000 RUBLES OVER 18 MONTHS. ELEVEN SOVIET ADVISORS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

B. AINAK COPPER MINE. AN AGREEMENT (CONFIRMING A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE DAOUD REGIME) FOR A TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR AN ENRICHING AND SMELTING INSTITUTE
AT THE AINAK COPPER MINE. SOVIET EXPERTS WILL COMPLETE
THE STUDY, BUT NO VALUATION WAS ASSIGNED TO THE AGREEMENT.

C. PETROLEUM DRILLING EQUIPMENT. CREDITS AMOUNTING TO
16,164,200 RUBLES FOR THE PURCHASE OF PETROLEUM DRILLING
EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS: TO BE DELIVERED WITHIN 24 MONTHS.

D. PETROLEUM EXTRACTION ASSISTANCE. AN AGREEMENT
UNDER WHICH 17 SOVIET EXPERTS WILL ASSIST THE AFGHAN NATIONAL
PETROLEUM COMPANY IN DRILLING AND EXTRACTION: NO TIMEFRAME
OR VALUATION WAS GIVEN.

E. NORTH COAL ENTERPRISE MINING EQUIPMENT.
CZECHOSLOVAKIA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH CREDITS
WORTH US\$3 MILLION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A
COAL MINING EQUIPMENT.

2. COMMENT: ALL OF THESE PROJECTS ARE CONTAINED IN
AFGHANISTAN'S SEVEN-YEAR PLAN, AND EACH WAS ASSIGNED TO THE
SOVIET UNION OR CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE NAGHLU TRANSMISSION
LINE IS INCLUDED IN THE 1357 (1978-79) DEVELOPMENT BUDGET
AS A US\$4.34 MILLION SOVIET CREDIT; THE PETROLEUM
DRILLING EQUIPMENT PURCHASE IS LISTED IN THE BUDGET AT
\$15 MILLION. THE CZECH EQUIPMENT FIGURE IS \$3 MILLION.
THE AGREEMENTS ARE THUS NOT NEW IN THEMSELVES (ALTHOUGH
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WE HAD HEARD THAT THE DAOUD GOVERNMENT WAS HAVING
SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE AINAK COPPER MINE AGREEMENT AND WAS
EQUIVOCATING ON THE SIGNING.)

3. THE SOVIET UNION -- THE FIRST STATE TO HAVE RECOGNIZED THE
DRA -- HAS NOW BECOME (WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA) THE FIRST
GOVERNMENT TO RESUME SIGNING NEW AGREEMENTS FOR FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE.
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